

PRESIDENT KLINE SAYS THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILWAY IS IN DIRE STRAITS

President W. J. Kline, of the International Blacksmiths' union, who is directing the strike of the Illinois Central shopmen, gave the following signed statement to The Day Book today:

By W. J. Kline.

According to reports that seem to be pretty well founded, the Illinois Central company is in dire straits. According to the Vicksburg Evening Post, it seems that the authorities appointed a couple of strikers to keep the peace. The postmaster, Mr. Mulvihill, is on his dignity and has instructed his son to go armed on account of threats and hold-ups.

It seems as though suspicion rests upon union policemen. It is too bad that the city fathers should get so wrought up over hold-ups, and there is talk of arresting union pickets. All the public wants of the policemen is to do their duty regardless of whom it affects. **THE STRIKERS DEMAND THAT, and the PUBLIC DEMANDS IT, AND WE ARE WELL SATISFIED TO LET IT GO AT THAT.**

Alderman Montgomery wants **AN INJUNCTION FROM THE FEDERAL COURTS.** Certainly, that is what the Illinois Central wants also, and we have no doubt that Mr. Mulvihill and Mr. Barber, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Montgomery and others who fall over themselves to favor the railroad will possible get it.

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According to information received, this Alderman Jerry Cronin is a traveling engineer and a member of the B. L. E. We would expect at least fair treatment from him.

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It is reported also that mysterious individuals are approaching the strikers and suggesting a way to settle the strike. Their purpose evidently is to cause dissension and break the federation, to get the men dissatisfied with their leaders, to criticize everything that is done, to make you believe that the strike is ill-advised and inopportune.

There are in this strike, the same as in all others, certain weak ones who can be influenced, and we believe that this influence has run its course. The traitor to his organization can usually be detected before he says very much, and they haven't got the nerve to stay very long in one place.

Has every man his price? No!

This strike on the Harriman lines is going to be settled and settled right. The writer, with the other general officers, is willing to do anything that is honorable, but will not do anything dishonorable. Therefore, he is not on the market, never was, and never expects to be.

The company says the strike is a closed incident, and they have got all the men they want, and at the same time they are sending their emissaries around to the men trying to coax them back,